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Next Meeting: Wednesday
SEP. 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates**

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **MINUTES**



By Fred Miller, KBØWIL

Date: August 2008

Locations: Huckleberry Park-Hannibal Mo, Quincy hamfest, Redneck Retreat-Barry ILL, Hannibal riverfront.

Barbeque called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

REPEATER REPORT: TONY-WØPGL & FRED-KBØWIL

We still have the occasional cracking noise , when we have windy conditions. So, we still need to plan on having a tower climber check out the antenna in the near future. We are also experiencing one or more repeaters , that are coming in on 625 when the band conditions are open, and breaking the squelch. It is rather annoying, and the only way I know to help alleviate it would be to install a sub-audible tone We will discuss at the next meeting possibly putting a tone of 103.5 on the 625 repeater. The 146.880 machine is still operating just fine, with no problems. We are doing research on having an additional controller for back up to 625, when it is out of service. We will hopefully have information for the club at the next meeting.

HARC BARBEQUE: AUGUST 2ND, 2008 **(SATURDAY): FINAL TALLY**



We had our annual club barbecue in Huckleberry Park Pavilion, on Saturday August 2nd. We all had a great time, and the food was excellent. All the varieties of food, I didn't know what to start with first. Howie-KØDFW was the head barbequer, and his assistants were Tony-WØPGL, J.D.-WØAJD and Fred-KBØWIL. The pork chops, hamburgers, and hot dogs turned out very well. If you missed the barbecue, you missed out on a good time and great food. Thank you to everyone who attended and also for bringing food to share with us all. The weather even cooperated as well, a beautiful day.

QUINCY HAMFEST: AUGUST 9TH, 2008 (SATURDAY): UPDATE

There was several of the Hannibal group that attended the Quincy hamfest this year. It is always a nice event, and I enjoyed myself, and even found a few bargains as well. If you didn't attend, you should plan on attending next year, and help support this hamfest. If we don't support our local ham friends in Quincy, then eventually it could stop, and none of us want to see that happen.

VE TESTING:

Our next test session is (Wed) October 8th, 2008. Approximately 8:30 PM, right after the club meeting. Contact Fred-KBØWIL if you wish to take an exam.

SPECIAL NOTE: AUGUST 10TH, 2008 (SUNDAY): UPDATE



Carol-WA9EFV and Nancy his XYL had there world famous get together at the Redneck Retreat near Barry Illinois. We all had a great time this year at the Redneck Retreat, the food was most excellent , and Nancy and Carol are gracious hosts. Well, Nancy was anyway, Carol did tell some good stories, he is just full of trivia. If we should believe him or not, is another story. Of course he is the Genius of Redneck Retreat (self proclaimed) anyway.

KØS SPECIAL EVENT STATION August 21st- August 24th, 2008. Update:

We operated on the WW2 LST 325 Memorial Ship that was docked here in Hannibal. I really enjoyed myself on the ship, operating the HF equipment in the radio room, and just getting to see the USS LST 325 WW2 ship in person, and walking aboard her. Thank you to all the operators, who came and operated from the 21st-24th. I'm sure J.D.-WØAJD will fill us in with a better report at the end of this special event. We should all thank J.D. for getting this event set up, I know it took him a lot of time, e-mails and phone calls to get everything in order. We even had a few hams to operate that haven't operated in a Special Event in a long time, so thank you to them as well.



TREASURERS REPORT: TONY-WØPGL

Cash-\$726.81 CD-\$1,244.99 Total-\$1,971.80



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK SEPTEMBER 2008 BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW

Boy this has been an unusually cool month and mostly wet until late. We have only had a few days that the temperatures were summer like. I'm not complaining though. I like the cool weather, but all the rain is just a little much. Well we were lucky though for the club bar b queue. If you missed the club bar b queue, you missed some really good food. We were bar b queuing boneless pork chops, hamburgers and hot dogs. The pork chops literally melted in your mouth. They were really tender. All the side dishes that everyone brought were

pretty tasty too! We had a real good time visiting and just sitting around and having fun with each other's company.

We just got thru with doing the K0S special event station on the World War II Landing Ship Tank (LST) 325. The Hannibal Amateur Radio Club had full run of the radio room, with a little help from Perry W8AU, the radio man for the LST. We made between 400 and 500 contacts with very poor propagation. The bands weren't nice to us at all. We kept a SSB, and a CW station running continuously for the operational hours. The town of Hannibal was very lucky to have a ship of this caliber come to town and tie up to the riverfront park. I don't know where all the people came from, but they had a line a 100 yards long continuously on that Saturday and Sunday. I haven't yet heard the head count but it was in the thousands. Good for the LST, and the downtown Hannibal. There were people all over downtown Hannibal, and much needed, after the talk of the floods in downtown scared people off. This was a shot in the arm for the economy in Hannibal.

The club owes our Vice President, J.D. W0AJD, a big pat on the back. Ever since the day that we heard that the LST was coming to town JD and I was in my taxidermy shop discussing how we could have a special event station for it. We didn't dream that they would let us have the radio room, but the LST crew said go for it, and we jumped on the chance with all fours. I told JD that since he was a World War II vet from the Navy on the highly decorated light cruiser "Columbia" that as president, I was making him the head planner and organizer for the event and to take it and run with it. And run he did!!! Job well done!! I want to thank all the operators that came down and ran the radios, and made all the effort to make as many contacts as possible. I want to say thank you to Shelly, Bonnie and all the others that are working on the certificates and Isles following the event. There are a lot of people out there that want those certificates.

I want to say thank you the Captain and the Crew of the LST-325 for coming to Hannibal and for saving such a great piece of history for generations to come a see a little of the past.

As I stood on the top of the deck and thought for a moment I wondered what was going thru all the minds of the brave men that rode the first wave into Normandy beach. The LST had 22 M-3 Sherman tanks with a 4 man crew in each tank. I could only imagine the fears and the prayers that these men were experiencing as they

wait for the big doors on the front of the ship to open and the big Sherman's rode off the ramps and into history. Many of the first Sherman tanks that first landed in the early days of the Europe invasion where destroyed with their crews. The heavy German Tiger tanks were too much for the little Sherman's. For every Tiger tank knocked out, we lost 3 Sherman tanks. Not a good ratio. But the resources of the Allied Army were too much for the Germans and the rest is history. The LST-325 made 5 trips back and forth from England to the French coast.

Well so much for the past now for the present. We are having problems with the 146.625 repeater and we need to start toning the machine to keep outside interference down and we have been having discussions of possibly getting a new repeater to replace the old one that we have. Anyway if you have any thoughts on this article you might want to come to our next meeting on September 10, 2008 and tell the club your opinion to everyone. We need to make some changes. So you want to be there!

I have a place that you might want to go and visit. Lori, Colten, and I, took a vacation and went down to Branson, Mo. and we visited a great museum like none other. It was a museum on the Titanic. This first class act front starts to finish. If you get a chance to see it. Do! If your a ham you will really enjoy the radio room on the ship with a real Marconi radio and everything as it was on the real ship.

Well time to quit. Everyone have a great Labor Day weekend, and we will see you at the next club meeting.

73s Howard K0DFW



DX & Computer Horizons September 2008 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

The big news this month is a rare station, although not DX. The WWII vintage USS LST-325, built in 1942 and used in the Second World War, is docked at Hannibal as I type this. It's one of two remaining preserved LSTs in the United States, and serves as a memorial ship to those Americans who served on LSTs. J.D. Sinclair W0AJD is coordinating the operation of a special event station signing K0S from the LST-325's radio room. Many area hams are volunteering to operate phone and CW from this historic ship. Thanks to all who have helped make this special event station a success. And for those who work K0S, QSL via W0KEM. In addition to the LST QSL card, there will be a beautiful certificate with a picture of the LST-325 available for \$3, which includes printing the certificate, postage, and envelope. For more history about LST-325, see <http://www.lstmemorial.org>. Now on to some DX expected on the bands in September.

3A Monaco. Patrice F5RBB will sign 3A/F5RBB from Monaco August 31 to September 10.

8Q Maldives. Igor UA9KDF plans to operate as 8Q7FD on PSK and RTTY from August 30 to September 11. Another Maldives operation will be put on by Werner DL1BKK and his XYL Brigitte DL1BKI as 8Q7KK from August 29 to September 17. QSL via DL1BKK.

T2 Tuvalu. Look for Aki JA1KAJ to operate from Tuvalu September 2 to 8. No callsign has been announced. QSL via JA1KAJ.

XU Cambodia. Yu 7K3BKY plans to operate as XU7YYY from Cambodia from September 3 to 8.

Around the World

He plans to be very active on the WARC bands..
QSL via 7K3BKY.

ZP Paraguay. Jan DL7UFN and Rolf DL7VEE will operate from Paraguay as ZP6/DL7UFN and ZP6/DL7VEE from September 4 to 14. QSL via home calls.

Danny NG9R has a DX Spider node, NG9R-1, running for DX spots. The node is connected to another node and to numerous clusters around the world. NG9R-1 will accept packet connections on 144.910 as well as Telnet connections via Internet. The ILQDX digipeater is still running, if you need to use it to connect to Danny on packet. Telnet users connect to ng9r.homeip.net port 7300 (ng9r.homeip.net:7300). This is an excellent opportunity for local DXers to share spots, announcements, talk messages, hot DX tips, and words of encouragement. To learn about DX Spider commands, check out http://www.dxcluster.org/main/usermanual_en.html or in PDF at <http://homepage.eircom.net/~dcourt/commands.pdf>. For information about setting filters, look at: <http://www.gofrc.org/pdf/Filter%20Primer.pdf>. Let's get on and keep in touch with other local DXers!

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST, SEPT 2008

1	KB9VIS	BRIAN
8	KBØWIL	FRED
15	WØAJD	JD
22	WØPGL	TONY
29	N9UPG	BILL

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

Ham Radio Tech Classes: from WX9DX

We are having Ham Radio classes for the Tech license, this will be 3 Saturdays in Sept and the 1st Saturday of October. We are skipping the 20th in Sept because of the Ham Fest in Peoria. I might need some help with some of this in getting the

word out. If you have any CB Buddies out there with the gift to gab, please let them know, and ask them to spread the word. I'm taking only 10 people and no less than 5 so they will have to E-mail me or phone me before the August 23rd so we can get the books on order. The cost of the books will be \$25 each and payable before the 23rd. I'm going to have a meeting Saturday the 23rd at Panera Bread from 9 am to 10 pm, I'll have my Hat on with my callsign. The classes will be at Caldwell bankers, as of right now unless things change. They are on Old Jacksonville road Springfield IL! They will be from 9 am to 1 pm each time and we have testing arranged with the Taylorville Club for October. Please pass this on to anyone you think might want to come along with my contact info. I'm good on QRZ also! :)

BTW!!!! This will be the Panera Bread on Dirksen across from Crown Plaza Springfield, IL. Saturday the 23rd of August to sign up for the class, ""9am to 10am""! Or contact me via E-mail or phone and make other arrangements!

Please pass this around to your local clubs, family, and friends. TNX!:) Anyone wanting to help out, please e-mail me.

Jimmy, WX9DX:) wx9dx@mwii.net

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LST SPECIAL EVENT KØS - THANKS!

LST 325 left the area with great success. Now, I say the fun is over, and the memories begin. And what memories! All of the operators who worked KØS had great fun. I want to thank ALL who participated in any way to set up, and to operate for this special event. About 500 contacts were made,

and that is not too bad, considering poor band conditions. The ladies, Ann KB9BAL, and Helen NØJZV really showed the guys up. I am willing to bet that they made more contacts than the rest of us in all four days. Thanks to our young Ham operators, Amber Clevenger and Kyle Martin. They are what we need to keep Amateur radio alive. We have already received a lot of requests for the certificates. Special thanks to Larry WA6JMR and Shelly for creating, and printing the certificates for this special event. Soon, I would like to get together with all that participated, and reminisce.

The crew on the ship was a real help. Perry Ballinger, W8AU, chief radio operator was one swell person, and thanks to him all went smoothly. He told me that we were the only club that has ever operated on board the LST. During the five days the LST was here, they had over 12,000 visitors. Single day attendance records were set Saturday and Sunday in Hannibal, breaking the old mark established in Boston six years ago. Quite an accomplishment I would say.

73's J.D. Sinclair, V.P.

Many Pictures were taken, and sent to us, shown here are just a few. I don't have pictures of all of the operators, so if you have more than what is here, please send them to me, and I will put them in next months newsletter, and in our files that we archive for the club events. Thanks to all of you for sending your pictures to me. This was a fun event, and one that I think all of us will remember.

Bonnie, WBØWAP



LST 325 OPERATING STATIONS



Perry Ballinger, W8AU, Chief Operator, and Cliff Ahrens, KØCA Trustee of HARC. The ship's calls are (WW2LST, NNNØCCG, NWVC). We were also in touch with Pete W9DRB, who helped considerably in getting us permission to use the radio room on the LST. (Pete is the Evansville work group foreman) & (Also the Amateur station trustee).



Jack, WD9CHG and JD, WØAJD starts the show!



Oral, KB0ECF, and Jim, N9JF



Ann, KB9BAL and Larry, WB2UFO



Jack, WD9CHG, Bill, WBØNWU



Cliff, KØCA and Ryan, WØRLR



Kermit, KØZXQ & Bill, WBØNWU



KØCA, CLIFF

Bill, WBØNWU, Jack, WD9CHG, and Fred, KBØWIL



Kenny, KØTCQ & Jack, WD9CHG



Kermit, KØZXQ – W8AU, Perry – KBØWIL, Fred



14-year old Amber KC9NYN operating on the LST 325 ship Special Event K0S. Not too many 14-year-olds have had that experience, and Amber had a blast. Amber passed her technician test in July after the Hannibal Radio Club meeting. Dad, Todd Clevenger, AB9QW sitting beside her.



Kyle, KDØEBL is another young man that has just recently acquired his license and has already updated to his General ticket, and has joined the local HARC Amateur Club. He also

operated on the LST 325. We are so proud of him, and happy to have him as a member of our club.

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